



## A Guide To Eligibility

Enrolment at SIDE is based on:

- eligibility criteria being met
- documentation being supplied.

Currently there is a minimum enrolment period of at least one Western Australian school term. Your enrolment will be reviewed annually.

To enrol you must be a resident of Western Australia and proof of permanent residence may be required.

Use the following categories as a guide to your current eligibility:

- Geographically isolated students:

### **Criterion 1**

- § Distance between home and the nearest appropriate government school/s 16kms or more *and*
- § Distance between home and available transport service/s to nearest appropriate government school/s 4.5 kms or more, *or*

### **Criterion 2**

- § Distance between home and the nearest appropriate government school/s 8 kms or more *and*
- § Distance between home and available transport service/s to nearest appropriate government school/s 8 kms or more *or*

### **Criterion 3**

- § Travel time between home and nearest appropriate government school/s return journey takes 3 hours or more.

- Children of itinerant workers
- Students who are temporarily living overseas (where suitable schooling is not available) or are travelling within Australia or overseas
- Students for whom their school cannot provide an appropriate course. This would include situations such as a student transferring schools or the transfer of a teacher. It may also be the case where an individual's needs cannot be catered for within a school timetable or within teacher expertise. Principal and District Director approval must be given under these circumstances.
- Adults (generally older than the school leaving age) who have been out of full time study for a minimum of 12 months.

- Students with special needs (the Referral Program). The Referral Program is coordinated by SIDE's school psychologists and is designed to provide support for students who are unable to attend a regular school due to:

- § severe medical/chronic health problems
- § psychological/emotional/social disorders
- § a pregnancy or parenting responsibilities.

Supporting documentation will be required to substantiate the nature of the condition. Enrolment is subject to review and students enrolled under the first two categories above will be expected to be working towards a reintegration back into a school, or an alternative program, when, and if possible.

Contact a school psychologist at SIDE to discuss eligibility to enrol.

- Special circumstance students who, for other reasons, wish to make an application to enrol with SIDE must gain approval from their local District Director, who should then liaise with SIDE's Secondary School Principal. For example, students who are high achievers in disciplines such as sport or the Arts (music, dance, drama) whose training schedules and participation in performances does not enable them to attend a mainstream school.

The final decision regarding eligibility is made by the Principal of the SIDE Secondary School in consultation with the Director Isolated & Distance Education.